Council Meeting

November 3, 2021
Agenda for Today

I. Call to Order and Roll Call
II. Adoption of September 22, 2021 Meeting Summary
III. Housing First Update
IV. Adoption of HCFC’s FY20-21 Action Plan Implementation Progress Report
V. Year End Review & Council Transitions
VI. Future Meeting Agendas
VII. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
VIII. Adjournment
Item II. Adoption of September 22, 2021 Meeting Summary
Item III. Housing First Update

• Update on the tracking of state Housing First programs
Housing First Statutory Requirements

- Agencies and departments administering state programs shall collaborate with HCFC to adopt guidelines and regulations to incorporate core components of Housing First

WIC § 8256

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Housing First Updated Checklist

• HCFC created to oversee the implementation of Housing First policies, guidelines, and regulations
  • Last round of Housing First checklists conducted in 2018-2019

• Update for current programs
  • New programs established in 2019-2021
  • AB 1220 expands Housing First to emergency shelter programs

• Checklists will cover core statutory components of Housing First
HOUSING FIRST ASSESSMENT

Agency Name: ______________________  Program Name: ______________________

TENANT SCREENING

Does the program require providers who house tenants to accept applicants with the greatest needs or vulnerabilities?

State Programs Checklist

☐ Providers Must Accept Tenants Regardless of Sobriety/Use of Substances/Completion of Treatment/Participation in Services
☐ Providers Do Not Reject Applicants for Poor Credit or Financial History, Poor, or lack of rental history/Criminal convictions unrelated to tenancy
☐ Providers May Not Impose a “Housing Readiness” Requirement on Applicants for Housing
☐ Providers Receive Referrals to Housing from Homeless Response System
☐ Program Offers Funding Incentives to Providers to Accept Referrals from Coordinated Entry/Assessment Systems

Comments:

Please provide any relevant comments here.

Recommendations:

Please provide any recommendations here.
Currently Confirmed Housing First Programs

- Council staff outreach to state departments to confirm Housing First Programs in October 2021
  - Programs that provide housing or housing-based services to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness
- HCFC expects to follow up on these programs with for an updated Housing First checklist
- Confirmed 33 programs across 10 state entities
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| California Interagency Council on Homelessness | • Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)  
• Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP)  
• Encampment Resolution Funding Program  
• Family Homelessness Challenge Grants and Technical Assistance Program |
| California Community Colleges (CCC)            | • Homeless and Housing Insecure Pilot Program  
• Basic Needs                                                                                       |
| California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) | • Long Term Offender Reentry Recovery Program (LTORR)  
• Transitional Housing Program (THP)  
• Parolee Service Center  
• Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming                                                  |
| California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) | • SAMHSA Projects for Assistance in the Transition from Homelessness (PATH)  
• Mental Health Services Act/Community Services and Support Component  
• In Lieu of Services (ILOS)                                                                     |
| California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) | • Homekey  
• Multifamily Housing Program – Supportive Housing Program (SHMHP)  
• California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH)  
• Housing for a Healthy California (HHC) Program  
• Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)  
• Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program (VHHP)  
• No Place Like Home (NPLH) Program  
• Transitional Housing Program (THP)  
• Housing Navigators Program (HNP)  
• Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV)  
• HOME – American Rescue Plan (HOME – ARP)                                                             |
| California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA)      | • Special Needs Housing Program (SNHP)                                                                 |
| California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) | • Transitional Housing Program (XH)                                                                     |
| California Department of Social Services (DSS)  | • Bringing Families Home (BFH)  
• Home Safe Program  
• Project Roomkey and Rehousing Strategy  
• Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program (HDAP)  
• CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP)                                                               |
| California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) | • Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program                                                                   |
| California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) | • Supportive Services for Formerly Homeless Veterans                                                      |
## Housing First Next Steps

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<th>Time Frame</th>
<th>Activity</th>
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| November – December 2021 | Outreach to departments  
|                       | • Follow up on recommendations from previous checklists, where applicable  
|                       | • Gather input on new checklist                                           |
| December 2021         | Finalize and send instructions for checklist                               |
| January – March 2022  | Assist in the completion of checklists                                     |
| March 2022            | Checklist due                                                             |
Item IV. Adoption of HCFC’s FY 20-21 Action Plan Implementation Progress Report
Action Plan

• Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness in California **adopted March 2021**
  • Planning began August 2020
  • Includes 5 action areas, 15 objectives, and 89 total activities with performance measures
  • Plans for five Working Groups focused on high-priority issues requiring interagency and cross-sector coordination and partnership
  • Identifies data needed to measure and assess progress

• Requires **annual reporting** on implementation progress
FY 20-21 Reporting Process

- Jul 2021: Reached out to all reporting departments for updates
- Aug 2021: Collected data and answered department questions
- Sep 2021: Compiled updates and began drafting
- Oct 2021: Incorporated feedback and finalized report
- Nov 2021: Council Meeting
Report Details

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13 Reporting State Departments:

- BCSH
- HFA
- Cal OES
- CalTrans
- CalVet
- CCCCCO
- CDCR
- CDE
- DHCS
- CDSS
- HCD
- CTCAC
- HCFC
Report Structure

1. **Highlights** FY 20-21 accomplishments

2. Provides **baseline data measurements** for defining and assessing progress, including a comparison to national/regional trends and **racial equity analysis**

3. **Summarizes progress updates** for each FY 20-21 Action Plan activity, based on responses from Council departments

4. Presents **priority Action Plan activities** for FY 21-22
Highlights from the Action Plan Report

• **BCSH** implemented the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program in partnership with HCD, which has served over 75,000 households with over $897 million

• **CDSS** implemented Project Roomkey, through which 50 counties and 2 tribes secured over 16,000 rooms and served over 42,000 individuals

• **HCD** implemented Homekey, which has supported over 100 housing projects to bring 5,911 housing units online across the state

• **HCFC** spent every cent of $500 million HEAP, began monitoring $650 million HHAP-1, and awarded $350 million HHAP-2
Highlights from the Action Plan Report

- **CCCCO** provided grants to 14 community colleges assisting 519 students experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity
- **CDE** administered new and ongoing funding for K-12 students experiencing homelessness
- **CDCR** implemented the Returning Home Well initiative
- **DHCS** allowed Whole Person Care flexibility for COVID-19, which assisted at least 9 counties in building upon their Project Roomkey efforts
- **CalHFA** continued the Special Needs Housing Program, which financed 796 permanent supportive housing units
Highlights from the Action Plan Report

• **Cal OES** helped communities with federal emergency reimbursements and continued management of grants for victims of crime

• **CTCAC** provided priority in tax credits for projects serving people experiencing homelessness

• **Caltrans** worked to remove barriers to employment for people experiencing homelessness and extended offers of employment to 60 people experiencing homelessness

• **CalVet** continued the Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program, in partnership with HCD, which made awards to 16 projects to build 421 units of affordable, supportive, or transitional housing for veterans

• **HCFC** launched the Homeless Data Integration System
FY 21-22 priorities outlined in report, including...

• Statewide Working Groups
• Lived Experience Advisory Board
• Encampment policies and grantmaking
• CalAIM implementation
• Homekey expansion
• Project Roomkey and Rehousing Strategy
• Revising Housing First Checklist
• Housing is Key continued implementation

• Update Action Plan in 2022
Questions?
Item V.
Year End Review & Council Transitions

• FY 20-21 Council Achievements
• Changes to Future Council Meetings
• Transition to CA Interagency Council on Homelessness
FY 20-21 Council Achievements

• Developed, adopted, and released the Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness in California, with extensive input from state and local government partners, community stakeholders, council members, and individuals with lived expertise

• Supported development and oversight of new and expanded programs through the COVID-19 pandemic

• Set up the state to make a historic budget allocation to prevent and end homelessness

• Prepared and reviewed the first Action Plan Implementation Progress Report with data and input from council members and staff
Council Transitions

• Changes to Future Council Meetings
  • Co-chair structure and new membership
  • Advisory committee to be formed and report back twice yearly
  • Exploring hybrid remote/in-person meeting format

• CA Interagency Council on Homelessness
  • Name change effective January 1, 2022
  • Website, branding to be updated before first quarterly meeting
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

In recognition of your exemplary efforts as a member of the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC). Your remarkable leadership and great commitment to collaboration allowed for the creation of the first-ever comprehensive framework to end and prevent homelessness in California. Your transformational efforts have provided the State with a foundation to effectively address homelessness, and, for that, we recognize you with deep appreciation.

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Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Secretary

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Date

11/7/2021
Questions?
Item VI. Future Meeting Agendas

• Discussion of matters not on the agenda for consideration at future meetings
Item VII.
Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
Item VIII.
Adjournment
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